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Hongkong, 19th October, 1896.

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1896.

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.

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FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have this Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1896.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1893.

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1893.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

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MARINE RISKS OF GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1896.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

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"CHARLEY'S AUNT,"

ON SATURDAY, the 19th December, 1896,

AND MONDAY, the 21st December, 1896,

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896.

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Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

(30)

LONDON Adams R. E. L. Hill, R.N.R. About 10th Dec., Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, &c. Borneo E. P. Bishop About 12th Dec. (Passing through the Island Sea.)

SHANGHAI Ganges J. F. Crorey About 13th Dec., Freight or Passage.

STRAITS AND BOMBAY Hydaspes S. Barcham About 16th Dec. (Calling at Colombo if sufficient Indemnity offered.)

LONDON Amara W. D. Middle About 24th Dec., Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

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It is most suitable for mixing with Wines and

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which contain iron and other salts.

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15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

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15.00

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1896.

Entimation.

EYE-SIGHT.

NOTICE.

M. R. N. LAZARUS, OCULIST-OPTICIAN, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 119).

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted to youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Continually recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

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ADVICE FREE.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—from 5 to 7 P.M.
PRICES—Skates and Admission ... 50 Cents.
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EVERY WEDNESDAY.

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL on FRIDAY,
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DANCING TO COMMENCE AT 11 P.M.

Special attractions for the Regatta Night.

THE HONGKONG REGIMENTAL BAND
will be in attendance nightly.

SAM MARKS,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1876]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

at his Sole Rooms, Zeland Street, No. 2,

ON

FRIDAY, the 11th December, 1896,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.

A CHOICE COLLECTION OF

JAPANESE WARRE,

comprising—

POPOLYAN VASES, CLOISONNÉ,
TEA SETS, COFFEE SETS, INCENSE
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And Also

A SMALL LOT OF FINE

PEKING-SNUFF BOTTLES.

TERMS OF SALE—5th on delivery.

On View at the Undersigned's from THURSDAY,
the 10th instant.

PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1884]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

at his Sales Room, Zeland Street, No. 2,

ON

SATURDAY, the 12th December, 1896,

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A LARGE COLLECTION OF

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A splendid chance for Advance Collectors.

Catalogues will be ready on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant.

STAMPS are on view at the Undersigned's.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1885]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 455.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 14th day of December, 1896, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1880]

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Go-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
10th and 11th December.

CAPTAIN HARRASSOWITZ having kindly lent the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB the German M/S S. "Hannover" as FLAGSHIP, the COMMITTEE request the pleasure of the Company of the LADIES of Hongkong on Board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the courtesy of the General Manager of the DOCK COMPANY the Flagship will convey Passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving NEW PEDDER'S WHARF at 12.30 P.M. and 1 P.M. and returning 10 minutes after the Race. Admission to the Flagship \$1 each day.

A portion of the Flagship will be reserved for LADIES and their FRIENDS.

TICKETS of ADMISSION may be obtained from the STEWARD, Victoria Recreation Club, or on board.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. FAITHFUL and the OFFICERS the BAND of the HONGKONG REGIMENT will perform each day.

W. ARMSTRONG,
Hon. Secretary,
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1881]

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

H. E. Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 10th and 11th instant, respectively:

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1896.

THE CHINESE MINISTERS whose term of office abroad has expired or is about to expire are H.E. Hu Ching-kuang, Minister to Russia, Germany, Austria, and Holland; H.E. Yang Ju, Minister to the United States, Spain, Peru, and Brazil; H.E. Kung Chao-yuan, Minister to Great Britain. It seems probable that the Hon. Ng Choy, a British subject well known in Hongkong, will be appointed to the United States.

THUS the *P. & T. Times*:—It is not every day that we are able to heartily congratulate the French Minister M. Gérard, on his successes with the Tsung-lu Yamen, and it is there is with more pleasure than usual that we announce that M. Gérard has prevailed on the Chinese Government to rebuild the French Cathedral in the Tientsin City. This edifice was burnt down by a mob during the time of the massacre of the French missionaries in 1870, and since that date the ruin has stood there, a reproach to every civilized man who passed the spot, as it could not be regarded as a monument of ennobled barbarism. The Cathedral will be a very handsome structure, with yellow-tiled roof. We are sure that all our readers will join us in our congratulations to M. Gérard on this service to all civilized nations.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council decided to abandon the ratepayers' meeting that it was proposed to hold on the 2nd instant to consider the question of an issue of dollar notes. The intimation that the Chartered Bank was about to make an issue of dollar notes caused the Council to come to this decision. The public convenience was one of the main inducements to the Council to undertake the issue; there was a very widely-spread want which the Chartered Bank will now supply, and the necessity for a large paper currency being thus met, and it being not impossible that another Bank will follow the Chartered Bank's example, the Council have, according to the *N. C. Daily News*, rightly decided not to enter into competition with one or two of the Banks in what is primarily the function of a bank.

MESSRS LAMKE and ROGUE in their last *Freight Circular* state that the situation of the freight market is quite unchanged. The volume of business transacted during the past fortnight is again insignificant and if the "boom" in freights all over Europe is to affect the China market at all, the charge will probably be very slow to come and not until we are well advanced in the New Year.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

MANILA, December 2nd.

Everything seems to be going from bad to worse, for the Spanish troops, after a "brush" with the rebels on 24th and 25th ultimo, seem to be doing nothing, or next to nothing. There is evidently some skirmishing going on, for a few dead and wounded are brought in to this port from time to time, but that there has been no very crushing blow delivered by the Spaniards seems pretty certain owing to the dearth of news about the little war. If the insurrection was practically quashed, surely we in Manila would soon hear the glad tidings. Also the Government would not be slow to proclaim its victory from the house-tops.

The great General who came with a high reputation from Cuba, General Palavija, has not yet succeeded in making much impression on the rebels, who are still strongly entrenched at Imus, and have, I hear, rendered their stronghold there practically impregnable. This General has about 11,000 men (Spanish regulars) under his command, but as the regulars are chiefly inexperienced youths who don't know how to handle their weapons properly, even if the General were a second Napoleon as far as military tactics and strategy are concerned he could have little hope of making much headway.

We now hear that as the rebels are so well able to hold their own, and may even threaten the city of Manila, all the Japanese in Manila are about to return to Japan. This may be due to fear of the ultimate success of the rebels, but it is at all events a sensible move, for the Japanese Government will by the return of its subjects to Dal Nippon remove all possibility of complications in this quarter.

Of course we all hope for the best, and with further reinforcements it may be possible for the Commander-in-Chief to gain some very decisive victories over the rebels.

The Russian ironclad "Imperator Nikolai I." called in here a few days ago on her way to Europe.

We are all glad to have two British warships in port, and trust they may be kept here until better news arrives from the Orient.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. His Excellency, the Governor, Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., presided, and there were also present—H. E. Major-General Wilson, Black, C.B. (Officer Commanding the Garrison), Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (Colonial Secretary), Hon. H. E. Pollock (Acting Attorney-General), Hon. F. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works), Hon. A. M. Thomson (Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), official members; the Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. E. R. Bellairs, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wel. A. Yuk, unofficial members, and Mr. F. J. Baddeley, Acting Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.
The minutes of the last meeting (held on December 3rd), were read and confirmed.

QUESTIONS.
The Hon. T. H. Whitehead gave notice that he will ask the following questions at the next meeting of Council:—

(a) Will the Government lay upon the table an estimate as to the probable total cost of doing what is necessary to be done to the resumed area of Taiping-tang before the lots can be put up to auction, and state the further probable time required to execute the work?

(b) In view of the present Opium Farm existing in the spring of 1895, will the Government appoint a Commission with full powers to investigate and report on the opium revenue generally and upon the admissibility or otherwise of substituting for the present Opium Farm bonded warehouses and a fixed duty on all opium not sent off exported in a raw state?

THE MILITARY MUSLIM.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate a Percentage of seventeens and a half per centum of the Colonial Revenues as a contribution for the Defence of the Colony."

A slight amendment was made in the bill on the motion of Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Whitehead moved to amend clause 3 by excluding municipal revenue. The 17½ per cent. was an enormous percentage and much public work had been done here with borrowed money which had not been repaid.

A division on the amendment resulted in its rejection by 7 votes to 5.

In Clause 5, Hon. Mr. Whitehead moved an amendment to exclude the devotion of the contribution towards armaments.

This on 4th was also lost by 7 votes to 5.

On the third reading being moved Hon. Mr. Whitehead asked that the motion stand over till next meeting, so that his amendment could be discussed.

The Governor said that there could be no further discussion on the bill, but he would forward the amendments to the Secretary of State.

The bill was then carried.

PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.

The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Two Millions Three hundred and Fifty-nine thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-nine Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1897." The motion was carried and the bill was referred to the Law Committee on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General.

LAWS OF PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT BILL.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and amend the Law of Partnership." Its object, he said, was to introduce here the provisions of the Imperial Partnership Act of 1890, which embodied a number of conveniences that should be adopted.

On the second reading being carried the bill was referred to the Law Committee.

POST OFFICE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1887," and said he wished the bill to be referred to the Law Committee. It was explained that the bill gave power to the Postmaster General to inflict fines on employees for breaches of duty.

Hon. Mr. Whitehead thought it would be mischievous to give power to the Postmaster General and it would, he said, be better if he took the cases to the Police Magistrate. There would be no appeal whatever from the Postmaster General.

The Colonial Secretary said that could not be done in all cases.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer said there had been constant breaches of duty in the Post Office and the fines, not exceeding \$10, judiciously imposed would have a good effect.

Hon. Mr. May:—The fines would enable us to get our revenue. (Laughter)

Hon. Mr. Whitehead moved that the bill be read that day six months. The proposal was negatived by 10 votes to 3 and the third reading was then agreed to.

COMPENSATION TO PAWNBROKERS.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for compensation being paid to Pawnbrokers in certain cases." He explained that the object of the bill was to compensate pawnbrokers whose property was restored to the owners.

The Colonial Secretary who seconded the motion said it was only just to the pawnbrokers that the bill should become law.

A verbal amendment by Hon. Mr. Whitehead was agreed to and the bill was read a third time, taken into Committee and passed without amendment.

PROBATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in this Colony." He said the bill had been in members' hands some days and he had had the aid of the Chief Justice in the matter. The motion was agreed to and the bill was referred to the Law Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Governor:—This Council stands adjourned until this day week.

FINANCE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Council afterwards sat in Finance Committee, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The majority of the items on the Supply Bill for the public service of 1897 were passed without discussion, but on the item "Contribution towards Barrack services" a debate of a desultory nature took place, the vote being eventually passed.

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was afterwards held.

JAPAN A RUSSIAN ANNEXE.

[By FREDERICK GREENWOOD.]

Not long ago it was universally thought that a new Eastern Question had gone through the old Eastern Question into the background for a time. This was an entirely justifiable opinion, and is justified by the troubles and contentions of the European Governments at this moment.

The anxiety of the greater Continental Powers to keep down the old Eastern Question has various explanations of course, but with the dominant Power anxiety to avoid explosive trouble in Turkey means a strong desire to push the fortunes of Russia in the Far East before taking up the problem of the Near East. For those four reasons of profound importance from the Russian point of view, this is sound policy; and because it is so, and because pushing the fortunes of Russia in the Far East is supposed to be bad for our trade and our safety in those parts, England is accused of working up the old Eastern Question in order to keep Russia and her friends busy nearer home. This arises much of the rancour and all the consideration with which we are confronted; for as a direct result of our Japanese policy in the spring of last year, Russia's allies in the Far East are Germany and France.

We ourselves put these Powers together in that field of enterprise, comforting ourselves with the assurance, when we had done the job, that England could dispose of the consideration at any time by making friends with the Japanese.

Well, we have turned and trouble enough with the old Eastern Question, but not at all with the result of arresting the natural course of events in the Far East. It goes on exactly as if there was no disturbance in these latitudes, and exactly as it was not expected to go by the whole mass of opinion in this country. There was, indeed, a prediction at the time that our "absenteeism policy" in the spring of '91 would have two grave consequences: 1. In Europe, the isolation of England within a ring of ambitious hostiles in Asia, a working alliance between Russia and Japan. The first of these results became a somewhat commonplace sometime ago. News that the other is in the way to completion came in last week.

Considering that only eighteen months ago Russia was Japan's worst enemy, it is not likely that the two countries will be found in declared alliance yet awhile. It took some time to make Prussia and Austria allies Bawaria, and

even to bring Russia and France under one and the same flag. But alliances between these other nations is a much easier affair, the Mikado having no European entanglements to think of; and a beginning has been made. The *Times* announces that the two Governments have come to a friendly arrangement about Korea—sort of condominium; but condominium of a sort which undoubtedly leaves to Russia a practical ascendancy in the penitentiary, and provides that Japan shall turn out of itself. Therefore it is a practical ascendancy of a very disagreeable character, and doubtless, nevertheless, it is a friend and is the beginning of an understanding by which Japan can live and prosper. It is brought about by recognition of the force measure which determines that Japan must be friends with Russia, or resile all hope of a peaceful existence. It is that or nothing—worse than nothing; which was the ground of my belief during the first rage of the Foreign Consul, and the *Times* is gaining ground that he is being kept in his place by the "Foreign Consul," which is rather than they think, and therefore they dare not murmur. It is a dispassionate statement of the case as it now stands,

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

SPECIAL SESSION.

(Before His Lordship Dr. F. W. Carrington
C.M.G., Chief Justice.)

December 7th.

THE GREEN ISLAND PIRACY CASE.

The case of *Reatha v. Chan Cheung and Ho Yau*, charged with piracy on a fishing boat off Green Island on October 22nd, was resumed to-day before His Lordship the Chief Justice and a special jury. Mr. Pollock (Acting Attorney-General) conducted the prosecution and Dr. Ho Kai appeared for the defence, having been assigned by the Crown.

Evidence was again taken and counsel having addressed the joy, a verdict of "not guilty" was returned in favour of both prisoners.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour T. Sercombe-Smith and Captain Hastings, Naval Asst.)

December 7th.

FREWEEN v. WILBERO.

This was a claim for \$1,000 as compensation for damage alleged to have been sustained by a pilot boat, the prop-ty of plaintiff, through a collision with the Swedish steamer *Victoria* commanded by the defendant, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Hastings of Mr. Descon's office) appeared for the defendant.

The case was adjourned from Saturday until to-day and after further evidence had been led the case was dismissed.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAIL DUE:

French (*Tamise*) to-morrow.
English (*Ganges*) 13th inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 13th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 16th inst.
Tasman (*Olympia*) 29th inst.
American (*Empress of China*) 30th inst.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the steamer *Tamise*, with the next French mail, left Saigon for this port at 5 p.m. on the 5th inst.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Ganges*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 10 a.m. to-day, and may be expected here about 4 p.m. on the 14th inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Victoria steamer, from Strathalan Hongay
Lymson " " Shanghai
Thales " " Coast Ports
Tarlos " " Kuching
Zafiro " " Manilla
Deuteris " " Saigon
Hunam " " Canton
Wingsoang " " Canton
Fusum " " Canton
Kanis " " Canton
Chitun " " Shanghai
Suliberg " " Haiphong
Turbo " " Batoum
Choyang " " Shanghai
Sachsen " " Canton
Stugan " " Canton
Aggregating 24,560 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Kewilis steamer, for Canton
Tatlong " " Shanghai
Namo " " Coast Ports
Kwityang " " Manilla
Kuangtung " " Saigon
Kachidate Maru " " Swallow
Skuld " " Kobe
Quarto " " Yokohama
Nanhan " " Moji
Dactina " " Singapore
Meefoo " " Saigon
Kansu " " Shanghai
Marte Tahara " " Singapore
Sabine Richmon " " Foochow
Aggregating 5,025 tons register.

ARRIVALS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK RETURNS.
Lekin in Kowloon Dock
Dante " " "
Purian " " "
Dis " " "
Hatali " " "
Ferri " " "
Coptic " " "
John Baskely " " "
Chittagong " " "

CRICKET.

The Engineers had a scratch game at Happy Valley on Saturday, in order to choose a good eleven for the following week from the new draft of men lately arrived. They have been able to pick several good players and the general opinion seems to be that the eleven will be much strengthened by the new arrivals.

A football match, *Hongkong v. Royal Artillery*, was played at Happy Valley this afternoon and resulted in a draw, goal all being the score when time was called.

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Things certainly looked bad for the West Yorks when they went to the wicket, as their first two men were dismissed for 4s, while the third wicket fell for the magnificent total of 1.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1896. [137]

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1896. [180]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1896. [182]

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1896. [185]

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THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [186]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [186]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW."

Captain Blackburne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [187]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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Captain Brown, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1896. [187]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1896. [187]

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Captain Steeves, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th instant.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [187]

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Hongkong, 9th October, 1896. [187]

YAMAGUCHI MARU."

Captain Trenton, to sail hence on 2nd January, 1897.

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1896. [187]